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Today's weather: Moderate west winds, continuing steady and rather cold with bright intervals in the afternoon.
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Missing U.S. Flyers In China Located

Floods Cause Bus Tragedy

18 PASSENGERS DROWNED

Nicosia, Cyprus, Dec. 22.—Eighteen passengers were officially reported as missing, feared drowned, today from a bus which was swept away in central Cyprus during the night in the island's worst floods for 20 years.
Low-flying Royal Air Force Beaufighter planes and Army units were helping police and other rescue squads comb the countryside around Asia village which has been flooded by the River Yialias after five days of rain.
They were also seeking three occupants of a military lorry which had been travelling from Famagusta to Nicosia. The lorry had been carried off by the rising waters.
Five passengers of the bus, which was earlier reported to have been carrying 24 people, had already been rescued.
Sir Andrew Wright, Governor of Cyprus, visited the area this morning and spoke to relatives waiting in the rain for news since midnight.
Nicosia, the capital, was cut off and railway services suspended with the line washed away in four places.—Reuter.

Suspected Murder

A coolie named Wu Nai, employed by the Waterworks Department, was found dead in his quarters at Cheung San Village, in the Wongchickong Gap district, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. The body bore a number of wounds, and it is suspected that Wu was murdered by some unknown person during the night. Police investigations are proceeding.

50 Firemen Overcome By Acid Fumes

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Fifty firemen were overcome by smoke and acid fumes today as they fought a fire in an experimental building at an arsenal in north-eastern Philadelphia.
The building was used for testing some forms of ammunition. Firemen, using air hammers, drilled holes in the concrete roof of the windowless building to remove the smoke and fumes.
Although firemen were using gas masks, they were unable to remain in the smoke for more than a few minutes. Fire officials blamed the heavy fumes in the area for this, saying that it retained much of the potency of the fumes near the building. Ninety firemen were summoned to the arsenal just before midnight to help fight the blaze. No details of the cause or of damage were disclosed.—Reuter.

WORKMEN BOYCOTT SHIP

London, Dec. 22.—Workmen today refused to board the 21,030-ton P. & O. liner Mooltan 11 of whose crew are in hospital with typhoid fever.
Painters, plumbers and shipwrights who were to carry out normal repairs and decorations refused to go aboard as they did not know whether the liner was in quarantine or not.
Arrangements were later made for the Port Medical Officer to post a notice on the ship saying that she was not in quarantine.
A Company official said that it was expected the men would then start work.
The liner arrived seven days ago from Australia with 347 passengers aboard.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Current Labour Disputes

IMAGINATION does not have to be stretched to see in the current labour disputes which involve Tramways, Telephones and Postal workers some very deliberate timing. Any breakdown in public services at this season cannot fail to cause embarrassment and inconvenience, and it is apparent that the disgruntled workers are fully conscious of this and intend to exploit the situation to the full. The Tramways employees have presented an ultimatum—a dangerous action because it is not easily revocable and it destroys the last hopes of amicable discussions. The "Tramways" are more likely to lose than gain public sympathy by such a gesture, and while public opinion may not be strong enough to exert any decisive influence when it comes to labour disputes, it has some importance for the strikers from the moral point of view. Assessment of the fairness of the demands being made in the current disputes is not particularly easy. The discontented employees may be justified in seeking revision of high cost of living allowances, but the Tramways men, for example, weaken their case by introducing into their demands the reinstatement of workers who have been dismissed. This is purely intimidatory, seeking to undermine the recognised authority vested in all employers to dispense with services if they are unsatisfactory. By insisting upon the reinstatement of dismissed employees, the Tramways workers are confusing and clouding the principal issue, which is (a) whether they have a reasonable claim to increased HCL allowances, and (b) whether the company can afford to meet the demand.

It is regrettable that neither the Tramways nor the Telephones discontents have displayed any real interest in a compromise. Their demands are severe and the manner in which they have been presented does not encourage the belief that if met in full they would completely satisfy. In fact, the dominating fear is that if these demands were unconditionally accepted, it would be the signal for a general movement throughout the Colony for similar concessions, irrespective of whether they be warranted or economically feasible. The current disputes do, however, throw a searchlight on matters of moment. Undoubtedly the existing cost of living index is hopelessly incomplete and cannot faithfully represent average living costs. Far too many of the necessities of daily life are omitted and there is a crying need for a revised and realistic official cost of living index. We cannot see the force of the argument that, simply because a concern is making profits, HCL payments automatically should be increased; but it is reasonable for the workers to expect that such allowances be based on a faithful index. And it cannot be said that Government's present index qualifies for that description. One difficulty about the demands being made by the Tramways and Telephone Company workers for more HCL allowances is that they have been computed on an arbitrary basis and that a true cost of living index would probably prove them to be excessive. The adamant attitude of all parties in the current disputes, makes it appear that the only satisfactory solution resides in arbitration.

NEW WRAC BAND



The recently formed WRAC Band is in training at Queen's Camp, Guilford, under F. A. Goddard, former bandmaster of the Beds and Herts Regiment. Top picture shows the girls lined up before starting a practice, and opposite is L/Cpl. E. White, the Drum Major.

Britain To Recognise In New Year?

"CONFIDENT" FORECAST

London, Dec. 22.—An authoritative source said here tonight that Britain is likely to recognise the new Chinese Communist Government in Peking during the New Year week-end.
The source was confident that recognition would be accorded before the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' conference which opens in Ceylon on January 9.—Reuter.

CANADA TO WAIT

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Canada will not recognise the Communist government in China until at least after the Commonwealth conference at Ceylon, opening on January 9, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent told the Press. He said this was one of the things External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson would be discussing at the Ceylon conference. Some Commonwealth countries might decide to recognise the Red regime before the conference opened, but Canada certainly would not, he said.—United Press.

London, Dec. 22.—The Chinese Nationalist Government has told Britain that recognition of the Chinese Communists would conflict with the decision of the United Nations General Assembly, to refer the Chinese complaint, alleging a Russian breach of the Yalta Treaty of 1945, to the "Little Assembly".
A spokesman of the Foreign Office in London said tonight that a note, maintaining that recognition of the Chinese Communist regime would clash with the Assembly's decision, was delivered by the Chinese Embassy in London to the Foreign Office yesterday.
The implication, it was understood, was a claim that while the Little Assembly, which is boycotted by the Soviet Union, is considering the Chinese Government's complaint, the United Nations organisation recognises the Kuomintang authorities as the rightful Government of China.—Reuter.

VIETNAM RECOGNITION

London, Dec. 22.—Mr. Rene Massigli, French Ambassador in London, called on the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, at the Foreign Office today to discuss plans for British recognition of the Vietnam Government of ex-emperor Bao Dai and for British and French recognition of the Chinese Communist Government, it was learned from a usually reliable source.
Britain, it was understood, intends to grant de facto recognition to the Bao Dai regime more or less simultaneously with recognition of the Chinese Communists, but the final timing of the various announcements is still under discussion.
It may depend, in the case of Vietnam, on the date on which the French Government formally transfers power to the Bao Dai regime.
Britain is not now expected to wait until the Franco-Bao Dai agreement is ratified in the French Chamber, although de jure recognition will probably wait until all formalities have been completed in Paris.—Reuter.

Chinese Red Armies On Tonkin Border

"Correct" Conduct

Hanoi, Dec. 22.—French and Vietnam troops, estimated at 50,000, patrolled the northern border of Tonkin province on Thursday within eyesight of victorious Chinese Communist armies across the border.

French military officials said there have been no border incidents so far. Lieutenant-General Marcel Alessandri, military commander in Tonkin, said the conduct of the Chinese Communist troops has been "completely correct".

He said he did not expect the Chinese Communist to attempt to pursue the 23,000 Nationalists who had fled across the border during the last two days. French civilian and military officials admitted that the flood of Chinese Nationalist refugees is a critical new problem in a nation already harassed by civil war, but said the important thing was to feed and house the refugees.

ARMY RATIONS

The French and Vietnam governments reported that they had shipped army rations to the Chinese refugees who were moved on Thursday into permanent internment camps south of Hienyen. The French also said they would supply lumber for building improvements in the camps. The French authorities said they had made no appeal to the Red Cross or the United Nations for help in feeding the refugees, though finding food for them in this war-racked country is expected to be difficult.

"It's our problem," one French official said. "We will solve it somehow."
French officers said they are making every effort to observe scrupulously international conventions in handling the Chinese Nationalists. They reported that Nationalist troops marched across the border in orderly fashion, commenced from December 12. They surrendered their arms in designated places and moved into internment camps. It is believed that the major part of the mass movement across the border is over.—United Press.

HELD BY REDS NEAR TSINGTAO

Washington, Dec. 22.—The State Department has received reports that the two American naval flyers missing in China for 14 months, are being held by the Communists near Tsingtao. The report came from the British Consul in Tsingtao, who later agreed to the American request to try to free William Smith and Elmer Bender. The report was the first official word that the men still survive.

They disappeared on October 19, 1948, while flying a U.S. naval plane over Communist territory. The State Department also reported that the U.S. Military Attaché in China, Major-General Robert Soule, has finally received his exit visa from the Chinese Communists in Nanking, after waiting since October 6.

The Communists had held that Gen. Soule should give dismissal pay to Chinese employees of a club which had been organized as a private enterprise for the American colony in Nanking. The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said he understood that Gen. Soule had not paid cash for the demanded dismissal pay, but had made "other arrangements".
The twin developments in the Soule and Smith-Bender cases indicated continued relaxation of the Communist-American tension in China.

The Chinese Communist foreign minister, Chou En-lai, in Peking, however, has not even acknowledged the latest American note about the Smith-Bender case. It was sent to Peking a month ago, appealing for the release of the men on humanitarian grounds.
Mr. McDermott said: "The British consul in Tsingtao indicated that the two men still

Income Tax Appeal Allowed

Holding that the sum of \$38,991.87 was not chargeable for profits tax, the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and the Pulpine Judge, Mr. Justice Gould, in the Full Court this morning allowed an appeal brought by Messrs. Jensen and Company, of 12, Pedder Street, against the judgement of Mr. Justice Williams which allowed the appeal of the respondent, the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, against the finding of a Board of Review.

Life-Saving Hero Started The Fire

Washington, Dec. 22.—The police said on Thursday that the British Sergeant John Brian Holmes, cook to General Sir William Morgan of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, has admitted setting fire to his Washington apartment house last Saturday and to two automobiles early on Thursday. Holmes was arrested on Thursday before the United States Commissioner on three charges of arson. Captain Roy Warfield, Assistant Fire Marshal, said Holmes re-enacted the scene of setting fire to the apartment house from which he later led residents to safety and for which he was acclaimed a hero. The Police said Holmes told them he was "terribly depressed" because of the war.—United Press.

Respectable Property Owner Was The World's Most Accomplished Burglar

London, Dec. 22.—The Police authorities believe that a prosperous and respectable London property owner, who was found shot in a hotel in Virginia Water, Surrey, was "the world's most accomplished burglar". London crime reporters said tonight.

He was found dead, propped up in bed yesterday. A pistol built into a walking stick handle was nearby.—Reuter.

The police are convinced that the capital with which this man, 51-year-old Barry Fieldsend, carried out his property deals was obtained from his burglaries.

They regard him as the man who stole £20,000 in jewels a Sunningdale near London, three years ago from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. They also believe that he could have helped them to clear up a series of big and daring country house burglaries, brilliantly directed by some master mind, in the past three or four years.

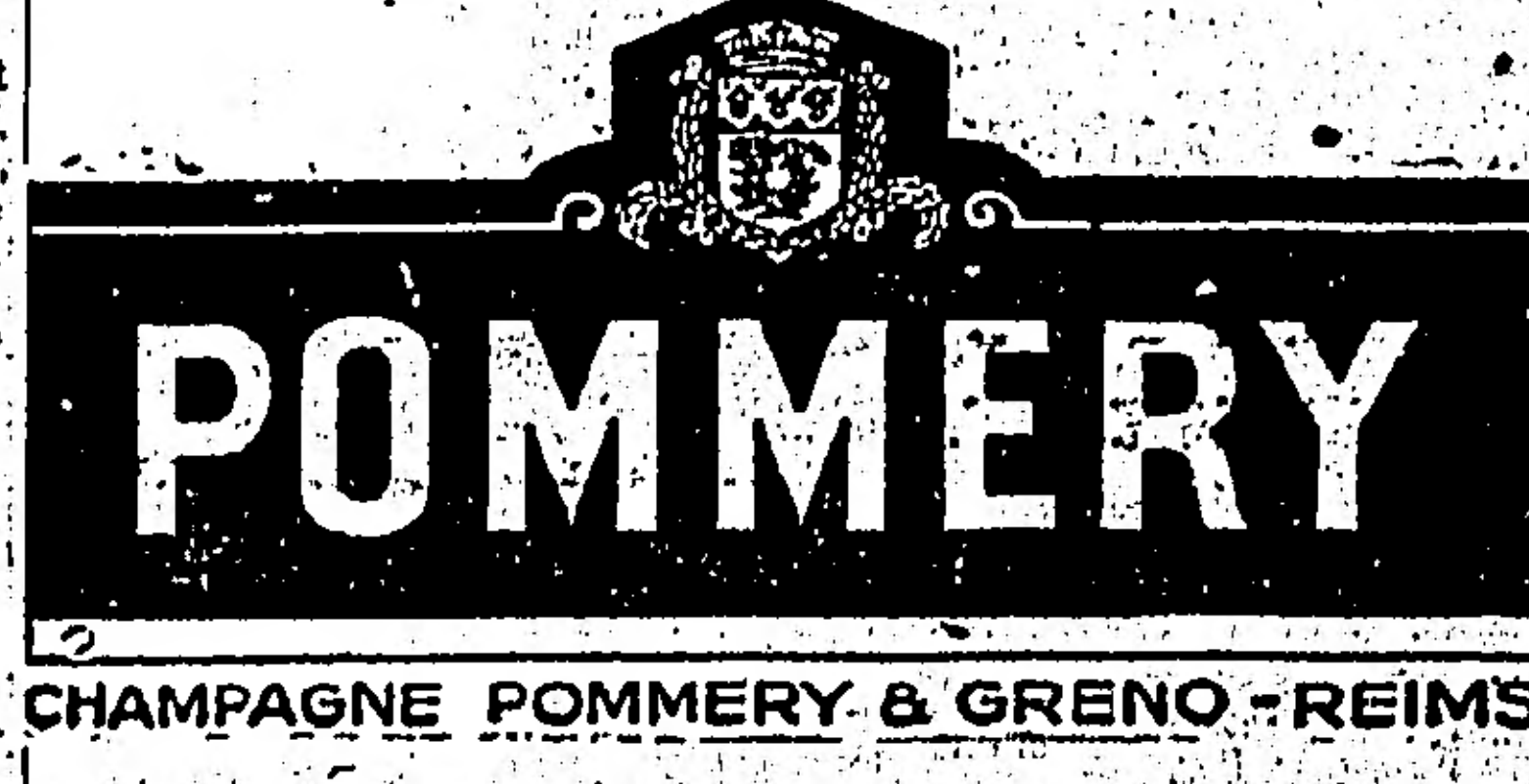
Fieldsend, released on a £25,000 bail by a London court last week over a jewel charge,

Chennault Loses Application

The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, in Chambers in the Supreme Court this morning refused an application brought by Major-General Claire L. Chennault and Mr. Whiting Willauer, President and Executive Vice-President of the C.A.T., to be joined as plaintiffs in the action against certain employees of the C.A.T.

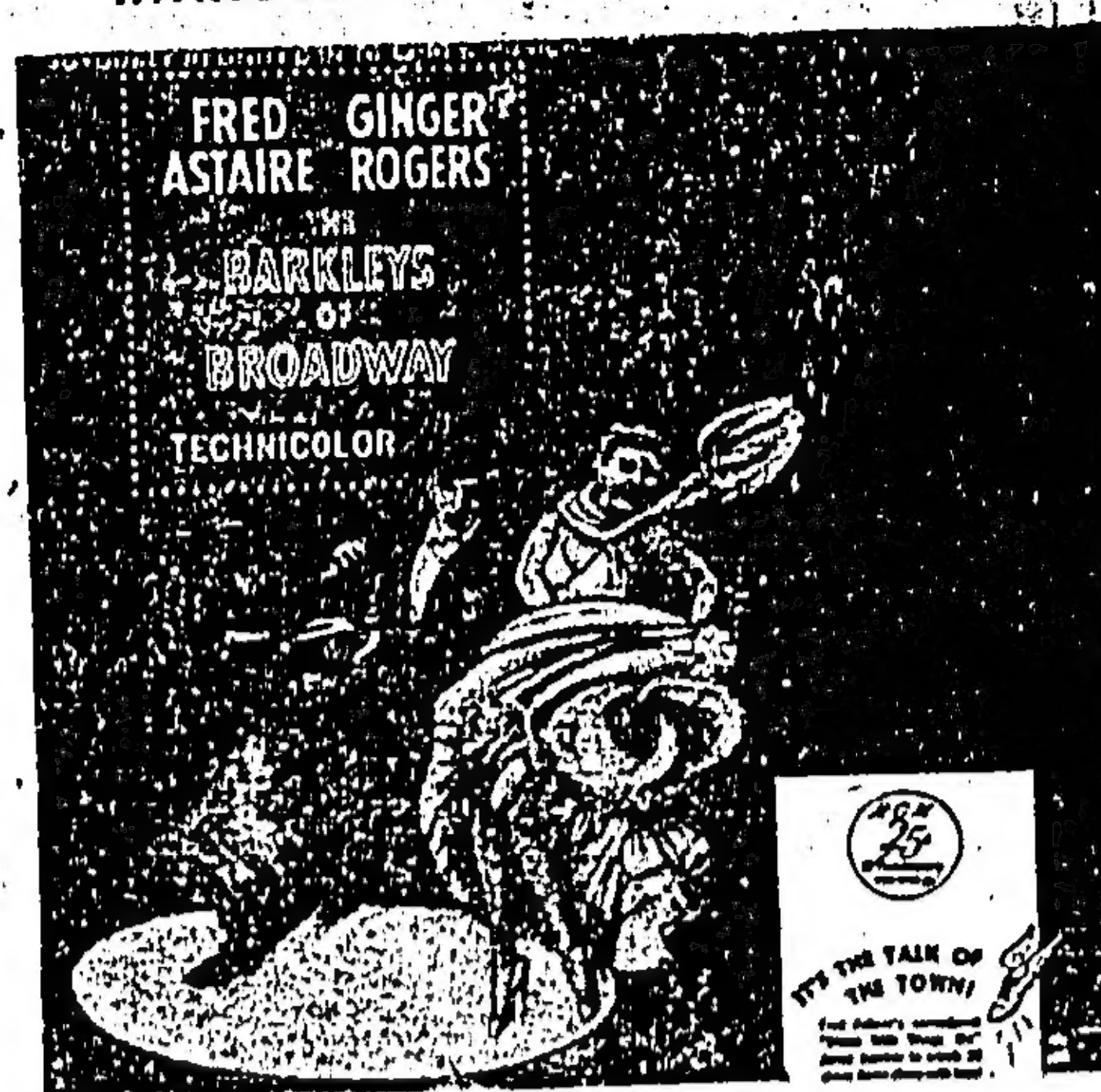
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Chinese Art In London

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"We have lost our com-
place, and that is
why we appreciate Chinese
art today. The appeal lies
in its very simplicity," said
James Laver, Keeper of
Engraving and Painting at
the Victoria and Albert
Museum, when he opened
an exhibition of Chinese
paintings by Ling Su-Hua,
in the Adams Gallery, Lon-
don.

This Chinese writer and painter, whose real name is Madame Chen Yuan, was formerly Keeper of the Department of Paintings and Calligraphy at the Chinese National Museum in Peking. She has been a teacher of painting at Peking University, and when the famous Exhibition of Chinese Art was shown in Nanking before it left for Burlington House in 1939, an exclusive exhibition of contemporary Chinese painting was shown there with it. Ling Su-Hua was the only woman artist represented.

When I first entered the gallery I certainly appreciated the simplicity of this traditional Chinese work, a very disarming simplicity. But I found several people, not Chinese, who disagreed with many of James Laver's remarks.

The Chinese have been painting in exactly this manner for over three thousand years. I was told. Does this mean they have achieved perfection, or does it mean they have reached the limit of their powers? And who can decide whether art is perfect?

By
Joan Erskine

One artist I met there expressed the view that the very traditions they upheld were limiting, and that their work had become far too stylised. Another, appreciating the technical artistry of the brushwork, thought the paintings if used for textile design, would sharply raise the quality of textiles.

Ying, Madame Chen's daughter, is studying art at the Slade School. She explained to me that the medium used was ink and Chinese paint, and pointed out that when painting in this manner there was no room for error. When using oils it is possible to paint over mistakes, but not with the Chinese method. Ultimately, therefore, a Chinese artist develops a sureness and definiteness, that can finish as expert draughtsmanship, or can be merely a supreme slight-of-hand.

Soul Pictures
James Laver said Ling Su-Hua's paintings are soul pictures, painted from the heart. Poetry painted on silk and rice paper. Often the poem blends so perfectly with the picture, that it is inscribed as part of the painting. It might also be said that many Western painters put their souls on canvas, but in that event, they seem to possess uncommonly sordid souls—said Laver.

Father Christmas Celebrates 'First Birthday'



Father Christmas with a birthday cake in national costume. Miss Jean McDonald, the Anglo-Swiss Society were celebrating their first birthday. Left: Miss Jean McDonald, 20, was at the party, camellias in her hair. Roman coins for a necklace.

HOME-MADE GIFT MADE GLAMOROUS

NEW YORK.
ANYBODY who accuses American housewives of turning into shortcut cooks should take a look at holiday preparations in the kitchens.

The frozen foods and ready mixes may save hours in meal preparing, but for many women there is still no substitute for the fancy homemade Christmas cookies, dipped candies and rich fruit cakes and puddings. And it's still hard to duplicate the personal gift of a fruit cake or fancy bread or candy baked and decorated at home. One suggestion for a homemade gift is a new version of a fruit bread. It's filled with fruits and nuts, with a combination of rolled oats and brown sugar to give an unusual texture and flavour.

Recipe

Ingredients: ¾ cup fat; ¾ cup firmly-packed brown sugar; 1 egg, well beaten; ¾ cup chopped Brazil nuts, pecans or walnuts; ¾ cup cooked dried prunes; ¾ cup cooked diced apricots; 1 tablespoon grated orange rind; 1 cup rolled oats; 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour; 2 teaspoons baking powder; ¾ teaspoon soda; 1½ teaspoons salt; 1½ cups buttermilk or sour milk.

One of these loaves, wrapped in cellophane and tied with red ribbon with a sprig of greens tucked in the bow, makes a very attractive gift parcel. For something simpler in the way of a holiday treat, especially in a family where the youngsters expect a handy supply of cookies and candy to serve their guests, there's a new recipe for crunchy, nutty brown sugar and puffed rice or puffed wheat balls.

Spring Suits With Fresh Details

DIAGONAL jacket closings and crisp plique insets are among the fresh touches on spring suits. Shorter jackets, combined sometimes with slightly flared skirts and scaled down details, are specially suited to the petite figure. A New York spring collection ranges from man tailored single and double breasted suits to dressy types suitable for Easter Sunday. Among these last are the dolman sleeve suits, one with shirring at the shoulder, another with bead undercollar.

A dressy look is also achieved by the diagonal closing suit—one carries the button line of the jacket straight down the skirt, while another has embroidered pocket cuffs that curve around to the back. Cape treatments provide another dressy idea. A chic checked suit has a long length jacket which looks like a tunic in back, but has sleeves in the front, while another model has a shoulder capelet that dips to form a triangle at back with the apex at the waist.

Boy Look

Boxy suits with small collars present the little boy look for spring, their slit pockets at the waist providing a novel note in this feminine fashion. Pique perks up many a collarless neckline or reinforces small collars. It also makes detachable vests on tailored one-button suits, giving fresh interest to these classic perennials. While gabardine is favoured in the suit collection, fabric linings are rounded out by dotted, striped and checked woads.

Novelty Collars

Novelty collars, especially those that are wide and notched, and the variety of belted treatments are news notes in the top group. Fabrics include suede, fleece and broadcloth. The low slung belt on the topper with side entrance pockets is newsworthy. Soft shoulder treatments, whether rounded or with dropped seams, are popular. Especially good is the 23-inch double-breasted style with a flared cut. A boxy topper with waist pockets is a good companion to the boy suits with similar detail.

Household Hints

To remove perspiration odours from clothes, sponge the spots with warm water to which you have added a few drops of vinegar. Sprinkle with powdered pepsin (obtainable from drug stores), let stand an hour or two, then brush off the powder and sponge with clean water.

A fresh, sweet-smelling condition can be restored to your refrigerator which has a musty smell with baking soda. Wash refrigerator walls and fittings with a solution of one tablespoon of soda to one quart of water. Baking soda does the job because it emulsifies the greasy film that clings to the walls and traps food odours.

This Carmen Sings In Eight Languages



Girl with the red nose and the kiss-curl is Folies-borne opera star Eugenia Zaretska, mezzo-soprano—ready to take the stage at Covent Garden as Carmen. Mme. Zaretska sings in English, Polish, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian. She will shortly return to the Continent for a series of guest-star performances as Carmen.

Adequate Exercise in Winter



A clear, fresh-looking complexion is Actress Lisa Kirk's reward for getting adequate sleep and lots of exercise.

By HELEN FOILETT

ARE you an outdoor girl, or are you a cushion sitter? If you are fond of outdoor sports you will have wonderful advantages as far as looks are concerned. If you can do nothing else in the winter season you can take a brisk walk every day. Some sort of exercise is necessary. Unless the circulation of the blood streams is performing normally you will be handicapped. Good circulation means bright eyes, rosy lights in the cheeks, an upright figure, good musculature.

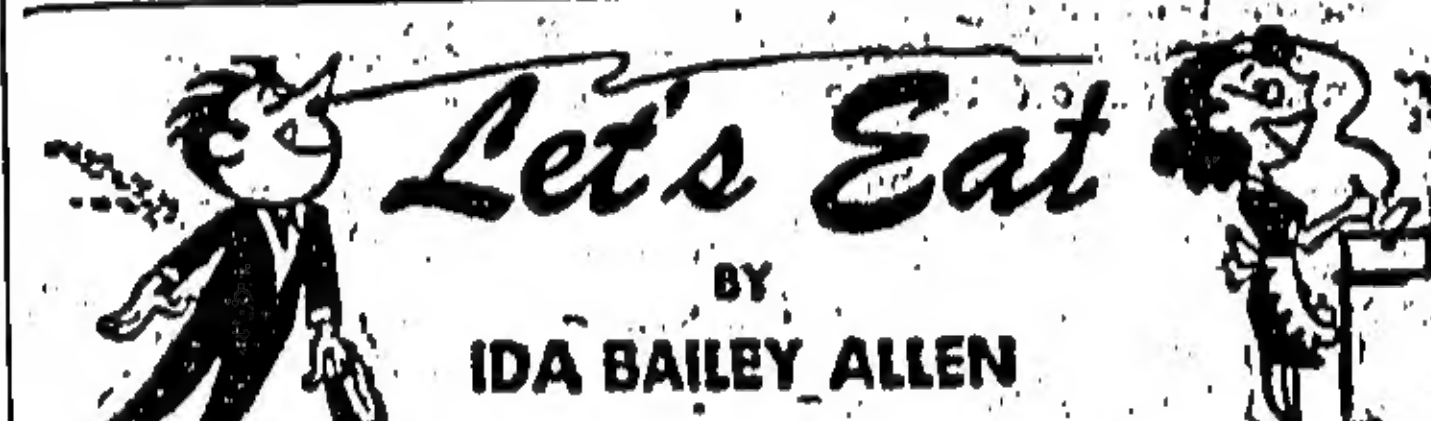
The circulatory system is a marvellously organised business. It supplies food to every cell of the body; every thirty-second heart beat it makes deliveries. It carries wastes to the various avenues of elimination. When the circulation becomes sluggish, when feet are cold and hands moist, circulation is working on half time.

The heart is a sort of suction pump; the arteries, veins and

capillaries are like a series of elastic tubes. The capillaries that give colour to the cheeks are so tiny their walls are transparent, allowing only the passage of a single corpuscle at a time. Unless one is active, has fresh air, these little workers are sluggish and the skin is pale. Then one has to get busy with the rouge compact.

You can put colour in your complexion by doing deep-breathing exercises. Stand in front of an open window, chest high, tummy flat, figure tall, hands on hips. Take a long deep breath, lifting the chest even higher, pulling the abdominal muscles up under your ribs. Inhale through the nostrils, exhale through the lips.

You mustn't mind if teacher harps on health measures. The time has long gone by when women believed that cosmetics could work miracles.



Christmas Dinner In Mexico

IN Mexico there is really a Christmas season, for celebrations begin on the sixteenth of December and continue through New Year's Day until January 6, or the feast of the Epiphany, when the gifts are distributed.

The week before the sixteenth, the market-places are filled with the many little biblical figures used in setting up the "creche," used in every home, and which depicts the Nativity at Bethlehem.

During the interim between the sixteenth and Christmas, led by children, are held in every locality. These commemorate the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. The children carry litters made of pine twigs or litters made of straw, and in the way they made. First the turkey is disjuncted and slow-fried in cooking oil highly flavoured with pepper, until well-browned. All over. The pieces are then placed in layers in a casserole, covered with boiling water, salt added, lid put on, and it is simmered (or slow-baked) until almost tender, then served in a rich sauce. Young turkey or roasting chicken need about 1½ hours cooking. Older birds up to 2½ hours. Meantime prepare the sauce. Drain the poultry, pour over the sauce and finish cooking.

This sauce is traditional and contains chocolate. Surprised? It goes back to the days of the Emperor Montezuma, who popularised chocolate at court to such an extent that it was used not only in a luxurious sauce for poultry to be served on special occasions. And those royal cooks certainly dipped into all the spice jars in the royal pantry! But if you like highly spiced, exotic foods, you'll like turkey or chicken mole.

Sauce for Turkey or Chicken Mole: You will need 3 kinds of dry chilies, 20 chilies mulatos, 20 chilies anchos, 10 chilies pasilla. Put them in a dry skillet; toast lightly over a low heat, then remove but save the seeds. Put the chilies to soak in water to cover. Then measure 1 tbsp. of the chile seeds into the skillet; and ½ c. unblanched almonds and toast until brown. Fry 1 tortilla crisp in oil for use 10 small salted crispies. Cut 2 cups rolls in halves and fry until brown. Combine with the tortilla, the toasted seeds and soaked chilies. Add 1 peeled onion, 1 peeled section garlic, 2 peppercorns, ¼ tsp. anise-seed, 1 tbsp. onion-stem, ½ tsp. cumin seed, and 1 ounce (square) cut-up bitter chocolate. Put through the fine knife or the food chopper. Add 3 c. of the turkey or chicken broth, 1 c. tinned tomato, 1 tsp. sugar, ½ tsp. clove, and ½ c. fat left from frying the poultry. Simmer a few minutes. And salt to taste. Pour over the nearly cooked turkey or chicken; cover and simmer very slowly until tender.

Christmas Dinner in Mexico

1. Hors d'Oeuvres: Including anchovies, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, fried mashed black beans, guacamole (avocado spread), enchiladas, and toasted tortillas which are the basis of canapés.

2. Soup: Rich in chicken broth.

3. Main Dish: Carne Asada (roast meat). Usually thin flat beef steaks served with green peppers fried in olive oil, and black beans decorated with bits of fried tortilla and topped with grated cheese. Or turkey mole (pronounced mowlay) may

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



TRAIN DISASTER—A wrecked engine and coaches are strewn about near Waterval Boven, in South Africa, after jumping the rail on the Elands River bridge and plunging 70 feet. Most of the passengers were natives, of whom 57 were killed and 104 were injured.



THE WINNER!—Chemistry teacher Joan Thimm samples some spaghetti which she made in a Garden City, N.Y., classroom. She's also clutching the round-trip ticket to Europe she won for writing a 25-word letter explaining why she liked spaghetti.



BRIEF ENCOUNTER—It looks as if this puppy didn't plan his meeting with the polar bear cub in Moscow. The dog's hair literally seems to be standing on end. The encounter of the two animals probably did not ripen into friendship.



GETTING A PREVIEW—Little Wilma Ford, of the Bronx, N.Y., kisses one of the dolls dressed for a radio contest sponsored by the Save The Children Federation. The dolls will be distributed at Christmas parties in rural schools, and thousands of little girls in isolated areas will be happy.



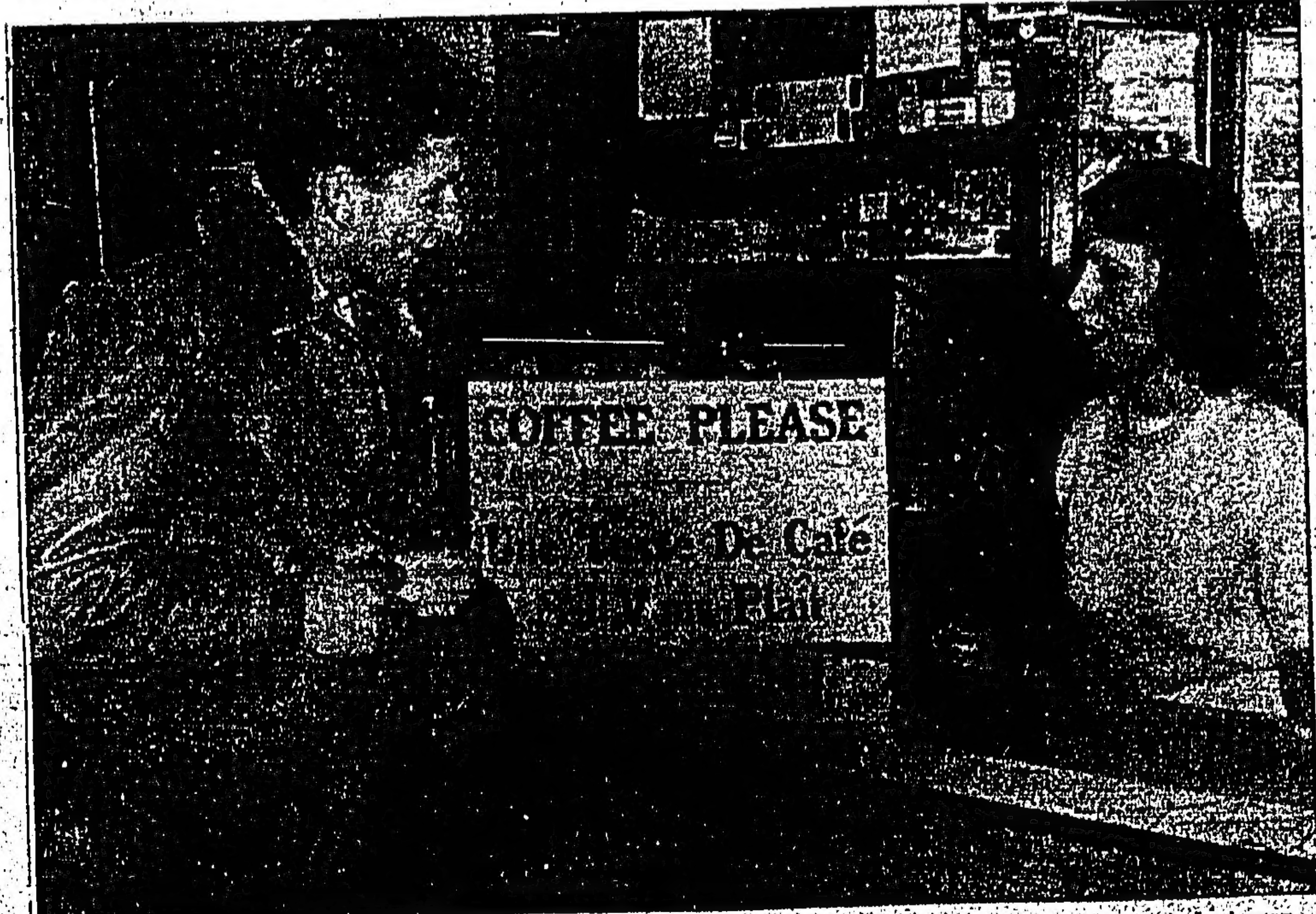
WHITE HOUSE CALL—Making a bicycle trip from Quebec to California, Joseph Cumeriengo, 18, left, of Somerville, Mass., and Charles A. Mead, 18, of Norwell, Mass., make a stop at the White House in Washington, D. C. The doorkeeper, Williams Simmons, greeted them there.



FORGING AHEAD—Piper Laurie is one young Hollywood actress who isn't letting movies interfere with her education. Her seven-year contract begins after she graduates from high school next spring.



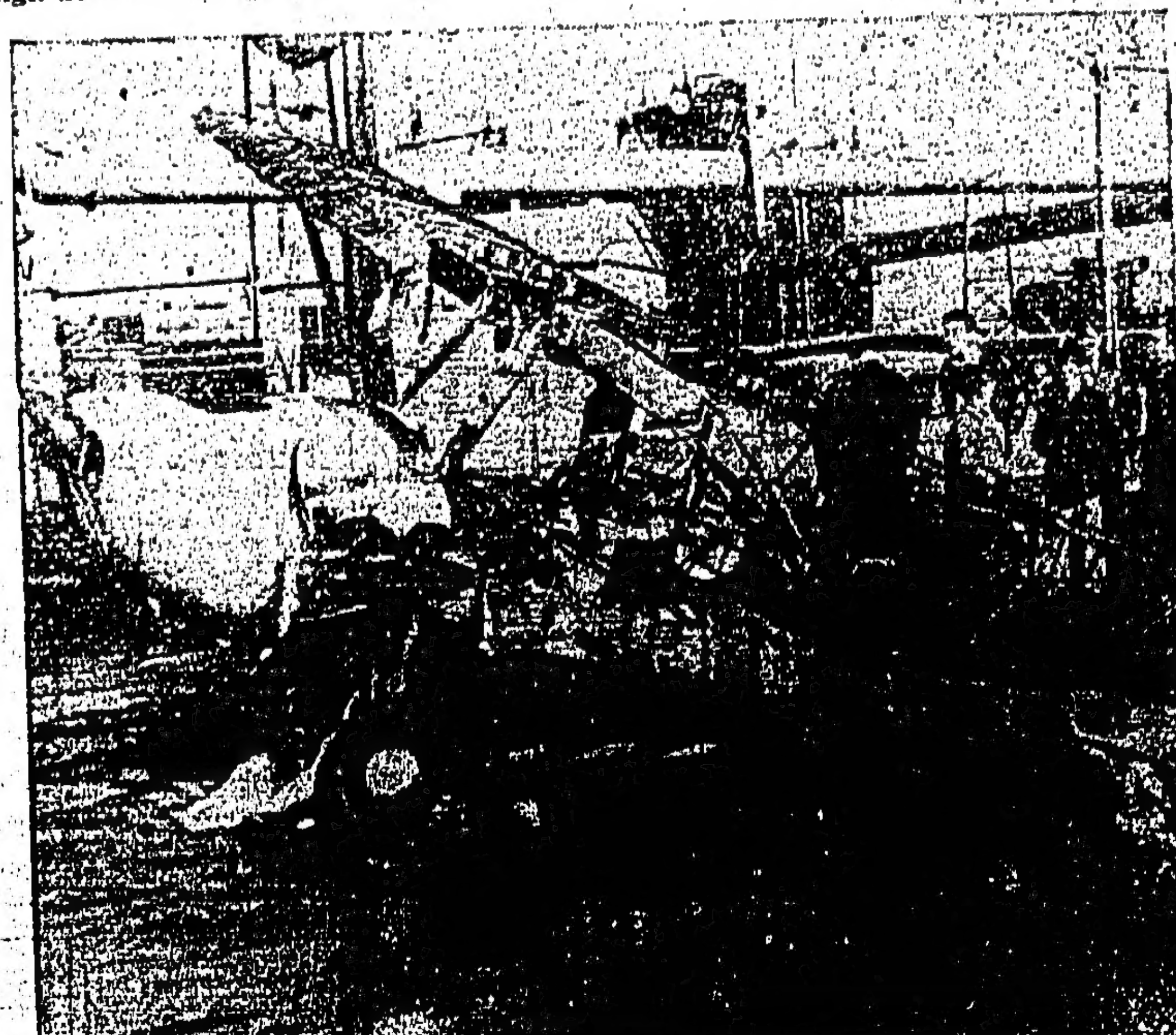
SQUEEZE PLAY—Tony Lavelli, former Yale basketball star, appearing with Pat, left, and Gloria Hamilton in a Boston night club, has a new contract. He's signed with the Boston Celtics of the U.S. National Basketball Association not only to play ball but to play his accordion between game halves.



THE FRENCH WAY—Bill Schwarz is getting a few pointers on the French language from student war-bride Maryce Morehouse, from Marseilles, France, who works in a store in Clinton, New York. Students hearing her chat with instructors in her native tongue asked her how to order in French. One of her signs here shows how to order coffee in that language.



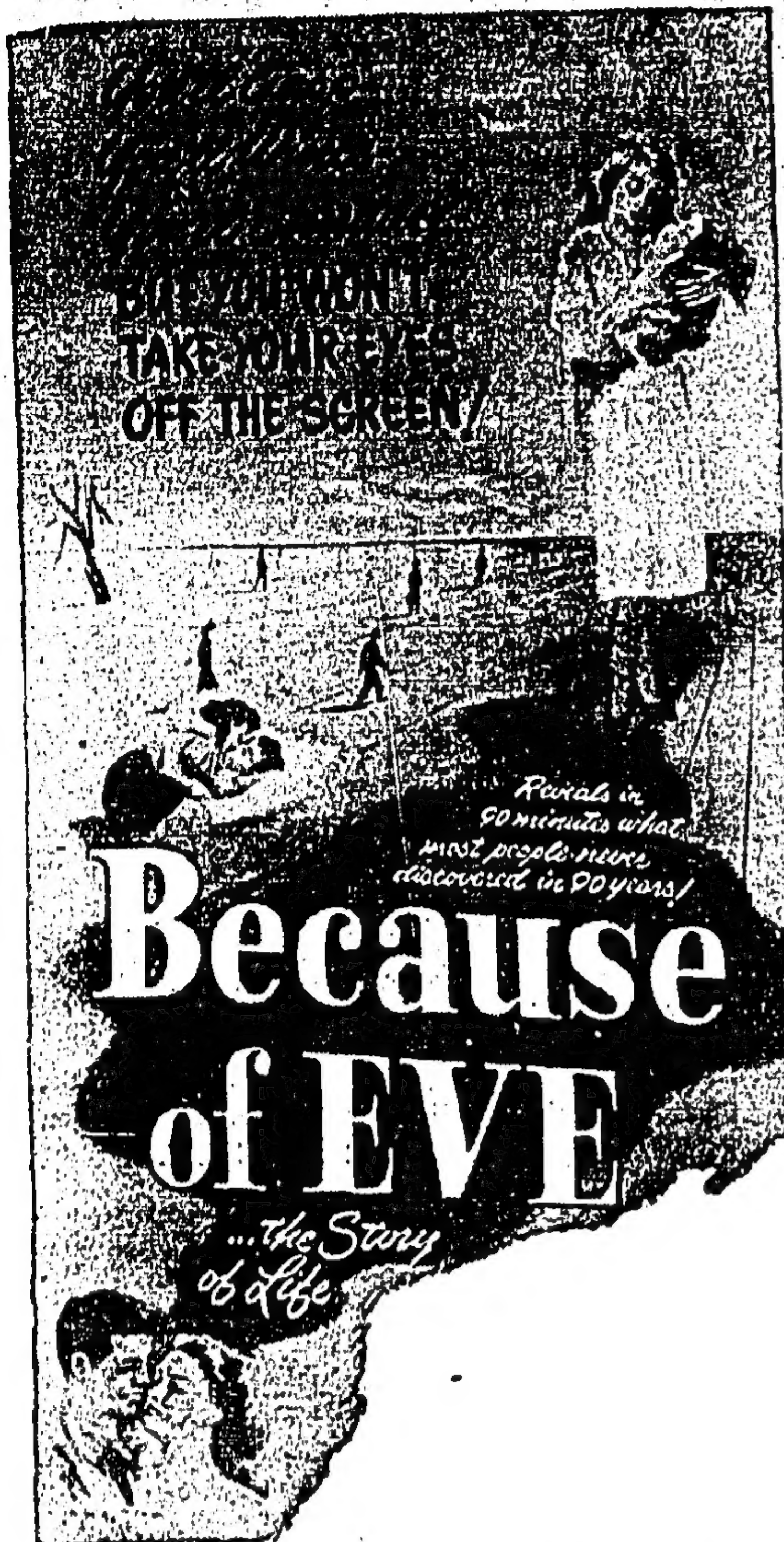
NEW—Mary Brown models this smart resort dress at Miami Beach. The pepper-and-salt silk has cornucopia pockets under the shoulders, larger ones below.



NARROW ESCAPE—When his engine went dead, pilot William Mullen, 20, attempted to land his plane on tidal flatlands. He crash-landed in Malden, Mass., and struck a car after narrowly missing a huge gas storage tank. And out of this wreckage, Mullen and another passenger miraculously emerged alive, but were placed on the critically injured list.

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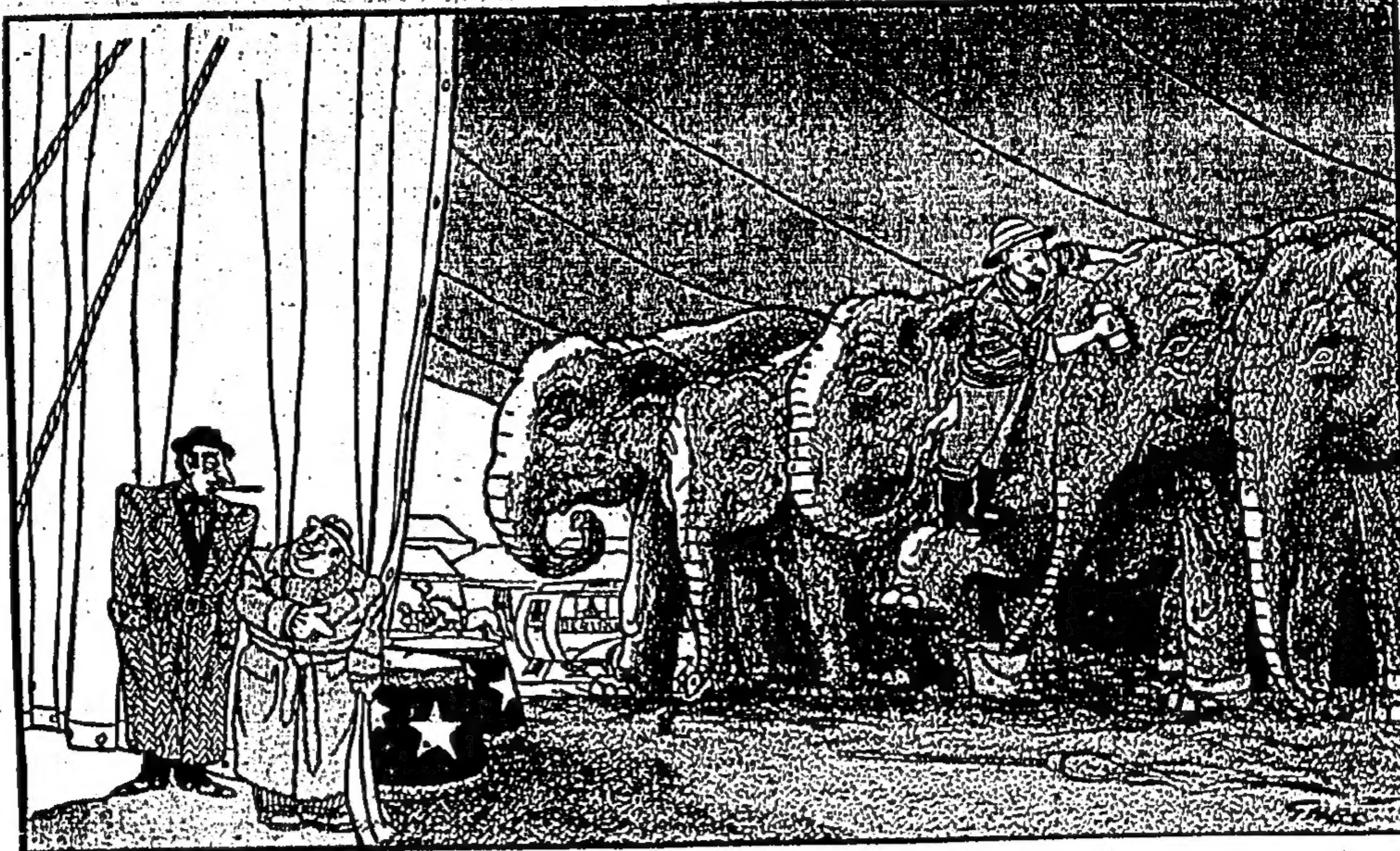


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Here is ONE market for British films

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WHEN both Hollywood and London are pre-maturely digging the grave of the British film industry, it is refreshing to discover at least one market where the bells are not yet being tolled.

For in Canada British films are today more popular, earning more money and gaining more prestige than ever in their history.

Not only are they being shown at the small specialised houses which exhibit only foreign films, but there are now 110 Odéon cinemas—some of them as luxurious and spacious as anything in the West End—which can compete on even terms with the best cinemas associated with the large American companies.

Before the war a British film over here had about as much curiosity value as a Ubangi native in a circus. They earned about £100 to £150 each and were forgotten the moment the cinema lights went out.

Now British films like Hamlet and Red Shoes are discussed everywhere, and they will earn as much as such record-breaking box-office American successes as Best Years of Our Lives and Gone With the Wind.

Both of these pictures should earn for Britain over £30,000 each in Canadian dollars, and it is expected that Quaxet and Blue Lagoon will net almost as much.

So steady has been the increase in the earning power of British films since the end of the war that it is expected this year Canada will send Britain almost \$1,000,000 net for our pictures.

More mature

THE firm basis upon which this interest in British films depends is the 800,000 members of Canada's armed forces who acquired a taste for the British way of life during the war.

They have brought back with them fond and sentimental reminiscences of England and its people which have awakened a new curiosity about British institutions, customs and hopes.

British films have also a special appeal to the teen-age youngsters just finishing secondary school. Graduating from the cowboy and bubble-gum class of picture-goers, their taste has swerved from Gene Autry to Laurence Olivier.

To them British films are more intelligent and more mature than the regular Hollywood product, and in their new-found adulthood they enthusiastically support films like Hamlet, Great Expectations and The Fallen Idol.

But in order to maintain and increase this interest Britain must continue to make an adequate quantity of good pictures. Each bad film that is sent over here merely does a disservice to the cause of all British films.

Agonising Fate

UNFORTUNATELY Canada has had to sit through her share of dull and adolescent British pictures. Films like Ship Press Girl, The Perfect Woman, Poets Pub, Woman in the Hall, Esther Waters have not only put an agonising fate at the box-office but they have disillusioned audiences that have come to look forward to a British picture as a stimulating and refreshing experience.

Since British films are in constant and vigorous competition with Hollywood in this market, Britain cannot afford to discourage these recently won audiences.

Canada sees over 300 pictures a year. Britain can continue to earn between a million and a million and a quarter Canadian dollars annually if she can supply 10 percent of this requirement.

But that means 30 quality pictures—not merely 30 hackneyed, second-rate imitations of inferior American films. They must not all have to be expensive productions like Hamlet and Red Shoes but they must at least have the appeal and intelligence of Passport to Pimlico, Blue Lagoon, The Winslow Boy and Whiskey Galore.

Foot in door

IT is not only financial considerations that should prompt Britain's desire to show British pictures in Canada. In a country that is flooded with American radio, American magazines, American goods and American television, British films are one of the few mediums left to further Canada's understanding and appreciation of the British way of life.

In the current discussions on the future of the film industry it should be remembered that any drastic curtailment in the production of British films will be bound to jeopardise Britain's position in Canada and other parts of the Empire just as it is beginning for the first time to have her foot firmly wedged in the open door.

Good British films can be much more than just an asset on the dollar side of an international ledger.

(London Express Service)

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

CHAPTER SIX OF FULTON OURSLER'S STORY
OF THE LIFE AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST



HEALING THE SICK

THEN came more long days of talk and explanation to His first five disciples. In those beginning days Jesus took time to get acquainted with the hard, logical Andrew; the thoughtful, almost cynical Nathanael; the eager, goodhearted Philip; and the always loyal, but explosive, quick-tempered Peter. They and John must be taught slowly, moulded to work together, before others could be added to the company. And all must begin to understand the depths of the startling ideas they were soon to hear Him preach. These were some of the best and most tranquil days Jesus and His friends were ever to know.

Through the cool sweetness of a May morning Jesus led His band of five men down a high-road in Galilee. They had come to a halt, for a little rest, not far from Nazareth, and had gathered around them, when a shocked silence fell suddenly; all movement ceased and the unseen mob stood rooted in fear.

Rich Merchant

A RICH and powerful magnate had suddenly appeared among them. His breast was decorated with a pendant disk covered with watery-blue aquamarines, black opals, and emeralds. Through the path they instantly opened for him the nobleman strode forward. But as the crowd pecked and turned their heads, they observed that the stranger's face was pale, his eyes moist. His words were incredibly humble.

"I have heard," he began without preface, "strange reports of Nazareth. There is a tale of a fountain of wine you caused to spring up at Cana. And another tale, which has gone before you, of how you read the mind of a disreputable woman at Jacob's well. Such reports have given me a despairing man, hope. I need help. I come from Capernaum, my son is there—very ill. Please come down and heal my son, for he is at the point of death."

"Unless you see signs and wonders, you believe not," Jesus replied, with a testing glance at the rich man.

"Lord, come down before my son dies," pleaded the father, breaking into sobs. Jesus closed His eyes; this man's tears were real. Softly He spoke: "Go your way! Your son lives."

Dubious Disciples
AS the rich man looked up, there was no doubt, but only hope in his face. His eyes spoke his gratitude as without another word he turned and with outstretched arms flung a path for himself through the crowd and ran down the open road.

The next day, as the ruler was still making his way down the steep roads to Capernaum, he was met by servants coming up to greet him, and with news. His son lived! At what hour did he get better? "Yesterday at the seventh hour, the fever left him."

At the seventh hour! That, as the father knew, was the exact hour when the carpenter from Nazareth had told him: "Your son lives!"

Master Stroke

THIS healing was a master stroke. It fixed the attention of the whole region on Jesus. Everybody heard of it; as He returned to the metropolis by the lake, throngs of people were frantic to see and hear Him. At once He was invited to make a series of public talks. Crowds packed the rectangular Capernaum synagogue with its illicit Corinthian pillars; they hung on to His words, but many with ears cocked for error. And sophistry! These fishermen and merchants and workmen were well instructed in Moses and the prophets.

And there in Capernaum more deeds performed in public still further increased His fame.

Peter's mother-in-law fell seriously ill with a glaze over the eyes, dryness in the throat, cheeks flushed, forehead burning—a painful agony of fever. It was an epidemic illness, that fever, often prevalent in the low country after the first rains of autumn.

None of the weird prescriptions of the physicians had helped Peter's mother; all medicines efficacious against fever had failed to still the rising fire in the old woman's veins.

When Simon returned home, his mother-in-law was much worse; Peter felt sure she was dying. The ex-fisherman did not wait, but rushed back to fetch Jesus. Andrew and James, John and Nathanael stood in the doorway as Jesus passed in and went directly to the bed and touched the mother-in-law's hand. She turned away from Him, hostile at first, then looked back with a bewildered air, not knowing how to account for the instant change in herself. Until then she hadn't thought much about Jesus. She had been sick. Now she was well! Simon enough to get out of bed and minister to all six of them.

By sunset of that same day the whole town heard about it and the house of Peter was mobbed. The narrow streets before it and behind, the alleys and the broader highways were choked with sick people. They hobbled on crutches and crawled on their knees; old men were toted on the shoulders of their sons and old women cradled in the arms of husbands who staggered under their weight; children hastened and they all came clamouring. Some had pains and fevers, boils and cancers and leprosy sores; minds that were like the stables of wild creatures, full of lust and hate and blood thirst. They were crippled and humped-backed and blind, they were dumb and tongueless.

Even A Chuckle

UPON them all, one after another, Jesus laid firm, cool hands. He blessed them, not with a solemn face but with a bright expression, even a chuckle, especially for the youngsters. Not one was left with a less mouth. The cripples were untripped, the hunchback now had a straight spine, the dumb could speak and shout his

thanks, the blind could see the Master's pleased but perspiring face. Others were released and in their ecstasy cried out: "You Are The Son Of God."

First Clash

IT was on His return to Capernaum that His first clash with the public authorities. They were agents from the Jerusalem Temple, sent down to make an official report on the wonder-worker.

Jesus had entered a private home and sat in an upper room, answering questions from a group of scholars. The Temple agents were there, too; they had orders to follow Him everywhere and miss nothing. Suddenly, overhead, they all heard a disturbance. Much annoyed, the master of the house climbed up to the roof. What he found there was a family, a wife and four sons, carrying a father, deathly ill.

The sick man's wife pleaded with the outraged householders. Her aged husband had caught a strange disease; without warning his whole body had lost the power of movement or sensation except for an intense internal suffering. They said the wife and the sons, who had carried the sick man to Capernaum, that no doctor in Galilee knew how to cure paralysis. More, they knew that the old man's death must soon follow.

That was why, in desperation, they had luffed the sick man a weary distance here. Once arrived, they still could not get to Jesus. The human crush around the synagogue had been too dense; no one, sick or well, would give way for them. Later he entered this house of a friend and sat talking with them in an upper room. So the pilgrims dragged

the bed and the sick man around to the back of the house next door. No crowd there! Up a narrow flight of steps they carried their burden to the roof.

A Gaze of Command

THEY wanted to lower the sick man through the opening in the roof, deposit him in front of the Master, and implore His mercy. All very touching, but the irate householders were ready to order them off the premises when the pale, upturned face of Jesus stopped them; that glowing gaze was full of command: "Very well, then! Lower him away!"

They lowered mattress and dying man, to the floor. Jesus looked down at the unmoving patient. He then bent beside the dying stranger, laid lean hands on icy cheeks, and stroked the cataleptic eyes. He spoke in a profound hush: "Be good of heart, son! Your sins are forgiven you."

A buzzing murmur raced through the audience. The Temple agents now sat up and gasped. Here was something to report to Jerusalem! "Blasphemy!" squeaked one. "Who can forgive sins but God alone? Blasphemy!" No one replied as the dread charge, punishable by death, sounded and echoed in the room. Jesus was still bending over the sick man.

"What is it?" He asked, facing the men from the Temple, "that you think in your hearts? Why do you think evil? Which is easier to say: your sins are forgiven you—or arise! Take up your bed and go to your house?"

He patted the cheeks of the man who until then could not move but only feel his great pain. Then Jesus whispered slowly and deliberately: "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins, get up! I say to you, arise! Take up your bed and go to your house."

Everything seemed to stand still for one breathless instant. Then in sight of all the immovable men began to move. The speechless man spoke. The first sound was a great sob of relief, a convulsion of joy that shook his whole wasted frame. Struggling up to one elbow, he cried: "Thanks be to God!"

Pregnant Words

THE sick man put his palms on the earthen floor, forced himself to stand up, stood away for a moment, and then weeping in his new strength, bent over and did as he had been bidden: he lifted up his bed and walked out of the house.

And Jesus smilingly waved His hand in farewell to the relatives upstairs before they raced after the man He had healed.

The crowds were breaking up in jabbering confusion. But the doctors of the law and the agents from Jerusalem huddled in a corner and put their heads together. The Son of Man? From where did He get that phrase? Ah! One of them remembered. The prophet Daniel had used the same pregnant words.

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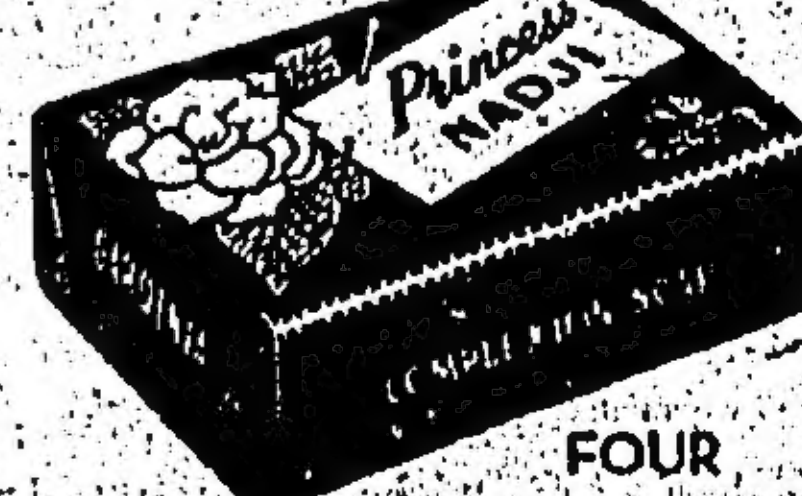
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The Boy Who Played Hookey Becomes A TENNIS STAR AT 21 —AND HE EARNES £30,000 A YEAR BY ALAN HOBY

There is no moral to this story. It is, in fact, a horrible example to the youth of the country.

It concerns a lazy young scamp who, because he hated school and was always playing hookey, is today pulling down more than £30,000 a year.

His name? Richard Alonzo (Pancho) Gonzales, the Mexican-American who is United States Champion and the "naughty boy" of American tennis.

Swarthy, dashing, unpredictable, Gonzales, at the ripe old age of 21, is a member of the highest-paid sports group in the world.

This is the all-star professional circuit comprising Bobby Riggs, the promoter, Jack Kramer, the World Champion, Pancho Segura, the ambidextrous South American, and veteran Frank Parker.

FABULOUS REWARDS
During their current American tour these five men are rather four, for they are little playing — have revolutionised what was once the polite, summer pastime of lawn tennis.

They have transformed it into "much a money-spinner that it makes Soccer stars envious."

The rewards in top-class professional tennis are fabulous.

In the past six weeks Kramer and company have picked up £42,000 in earnings alone.

In the same period they grossed 400,000 dollars (over £130,000) at the gate.

It is estimated that by next August, when the tour ends, the personal pay packets of these

athletic aristocrats will total over £300,000.

WINTER SURPRISE
Add to these stupefying sums the fact that in 1948 Kramer made 125,000 dollars (more than £31,000 under the old rate); that Bobby Riggs has already swelled his bankroll by £30,000 this year; and that young Pancho Gonzales will probably net £70,000 in the next two years and it can be seen that these boys are "swimming in the money."

But to me the most remarkable thing about these fat hauls is that a big percentage of the money is being garnered in the winter.

Such is the winter attraction of indoor tennis that the circus are breaking their tour this Christmas to fly over to London for a special indoor tournament at the Empire Pool, Wembley, beginning on Boxing Day.

PARKS PRODUCT
This will be Pancho Gonzales' first professional appearance over here. He has come a long way quickly since those child-

hood days in California when his mother presented him with a half-crown tennis racket as a Christmas present.

It was a story book to success. U.S. sports columnist Arthur Daley writes:

"So allergic was Pancho to school, and so deep-seated was his love for tennis that he spent most of his boyhood ducking truant officials, who soon learned that the one place to catch the culprit was on the tennis courts."

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FUTURE ASSURED
But he is the exception. The rule remains that the man who wins Wimbledon is assured of a nest-egg for the rest of his life.

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AFTER HAT TRICK



Brother and sister, John and Jennifer Nicks, Britain's Figure Skating Pairs Champions, seen during practice at the Empire Pool, Wembley, are to attempt to win two more championships before next April. They will travel to Oslo for the European Championships in January, and in March will be at Wembley to compete in the World Pair Skating Championships.

Placed eight in the World Championships last year, they have been the youngest competitors in this competition for the last two years. Jennifer, at 15, was the youngest competitor in the Winter Olympics at St Moritz last year.

£100 FOR KNOCKING BRUCE WOODCOCK OFF HIS FEET

London, Dec. 22.—In order to make his training for his fight with the American, Lee Savold, as tough as possible, Bruce Woodcock, the British Heavyweight Champion, is offering £100 to any of his sparring partners who knocks him off his feet.

The fight, which was originally scheduled for the White City, London, on September 6, had to be postponed because of a road accident to Woodcock, and will now be held in London next May.

This will be the British version of the World Heavyweight Championship for the winner will be recognised by the British Boxing Board of Control.

£5 PER ROUND

Mr Tom Hurst, Woodcock's manager, is also prepared to pay £5 to the sparring partners for every round they go with the champion.

Woodcock expects to have six sparring partners when he begins the more extensive part of his training at a castle in Wales. Johnny Williams, of Rugby, who is one of England's heavyweight "hopes," is ready to accept Woodcock's offer.

Mr Ted Broadbribb, the manager of Williams, said that Johnny was eager to act as Woodcock's chief sparring partner and to help him in his training for the big fight.

"Williams has an eye on the British world title himself," said Mr Broadbribb. "He is ready to meet any heavyweight who thinks he has a prior claim to a fight with Woodcock. Williams is prepared to act as a doorman for Woodcock for the time being. Anyone who wants Woodcock will have to get there over Johnny's 'dead body'."—Reuter.

NOT YET

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—Joe Louis, former Heavyweight Champion, said in an interview today that it will take him three months to decide definitely on his plans for a comeback.

"If I fight it will be Ezzard Charles, of course," Louis said. "He is the best heavyweight around and the match will draw the most money."

Louis is at present fighting in a series of exhibitions.—Associated Press.

Chess Tourney

Only three matches in the second round of the tournament for the Championship of the Kovvonn Chess Club were played last night at the Peninsula Hotel.

A. Biriukoff took the lead in the tournament when he won his second successive game in defeating A. Archangelis.

L. Schure beat P. Tuskia in a Budapest Defence, the latter resigning on the 53rd move.

Eugene Tausz beat V.V. Kolatchoff in a Queen's Gambit by a mate on the 45th move.

ROSARIO WINS

Manila, Dec. 22.—Tiro Del Rosario, 12 lbs., of Manila, won a decision over Dado Marino, 120 lbs. of Honolulu, in a ten rounds bout for the Featherweight Championship of the Orient at the Rizal Memorial Stadium today.—Associated Press.



Pancho signs up with Bobby Riggs.

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NEED FOR CONTROL

London, Dec. 22.—The need for control of world boxing becomes more apparent as various bodies and organisations vie with each other to have their own boxers recognised as contenders for the World Championships.

Although no boxing authority has the power to take away a world title from a boxer there is nothing to prevent them from recognising a man as a World Champion.

This has happened with the result that different men are recognised as World Champions at the same weight. Perhaps the biggest rift exists between the National Boxing Association of America and the New York State Athletic Commission. The NBA controls the sport in 47 States while the NYSAC governs the game in New York.

AT VARIANCE

The NBA and the NYSAC are often at variance and at present disagree over the heavy-weight position which, however, needs clarifying for the benefit of others as well.

Ezzard Charles is recognised by the NBA as the holder, but he refuses to name him as the champion. In London, the contest between Bruce Woodcock, Britain's Champion, and the American, Lee Savold, next spring, is being billed as for the world title.

One man in a position to solve the problem is Joe Louis, the retired Champion, who is now engaging in 10-round exhibition bouts. The former Champion's form has been good enough to lead to speculation and rumour is rife that he is training himself for more serious fighting.

A GOOD THING

Jake Mintz, joint owner of Charles' contract, appears to think that a Louis "comeback" would be a good thing. Recently, he suggested a contest between Louis and Charles, stating that such a bout would satisfy the public and sports writers and revive the million-dollar game.

"The fight will give Charles a chance to prove what a great champion he is," Mintz added.

If Louis returned to serious boxing and matched with Charles, no matter what the outcome, there could be little objection to the winner being recognised as the World Champion, in view of Louis' capabilities for 12 years as Champion before retiring and in view of the present poor state of the heavyweight position, he might have just one more try for old times' sake and, of course, his pockets' sake.—Reuter.

An Anxious Yuletide For The Trainer

London, Dec. 22.—Christmas brings nothing but worry and hard work to the football club trainer. Players themselves, with three games in four days, have little time for the traditional feast and frolics, yet they do not have nearly so strenuous and busy a time as the trainer.

This man, known chiefly to the crowds for his lightning sprints on the field: the person who raises a groan of sympathy from shivering spectators when, in freezing weather, he revives a stunned player by squeezing an ice-cold sponge down his back, is destined for an anxious Yuletide.

By this stage of the season many clubs already have a lengthy casualty list, and those either in the running for honours or dogged by thoughts of relegation undergo constant fears about injuries during the Christmas fixtures rush.

TREPIDATION

Frosty grounds increase the danger of sprains and strains, particularly in the second and third matches when muscles are tiring. No wonder the trainer watches with considerable trepidation as his charges dash about on bone-hard turf.

For him the 90 minutes of each game are seldom free from strain. His work really begins when the final whistle has gone and the teams disappear into the dressing rooms.

Every cut has to be treated, jarred muscles bound up, and massage or heat treatment applied. Invariably the first in the dressing room, the trainer is also last out.

Before the game he studs the boots, allocates the kit, prepares his equipment and gives a final massage to any player having the slightest suspicion of stiffness.

AFTERWARDS

Afterwards comes the collection of used kit and the packing of the huge wicker baskets in

which everything required for the next game has to be placed. In some of the less wealthy clubs the trainer finishes by emptying the baths and sweeping out the dressing room.

It is doubtful whether any trainer today, however, is called upon to perform chores similar to one man concerned with a London club during the war.

Through shortage of staff—and clothing coupons—he spent the afternoon of Christmas Day washing out the shirts, shorts and socks used by his team in the morning.

That job done, he took his needle and wool and began darning socks. His work at the ground finished at eight o'clock in the evening. That was not all.

On his way home he called at the house of one of the players and gave him a message, to the accompaniment from an adjoining team-mate of "White Shepherds Watch Thier Flocks by Night!"—Reuter.

KCC TEAM

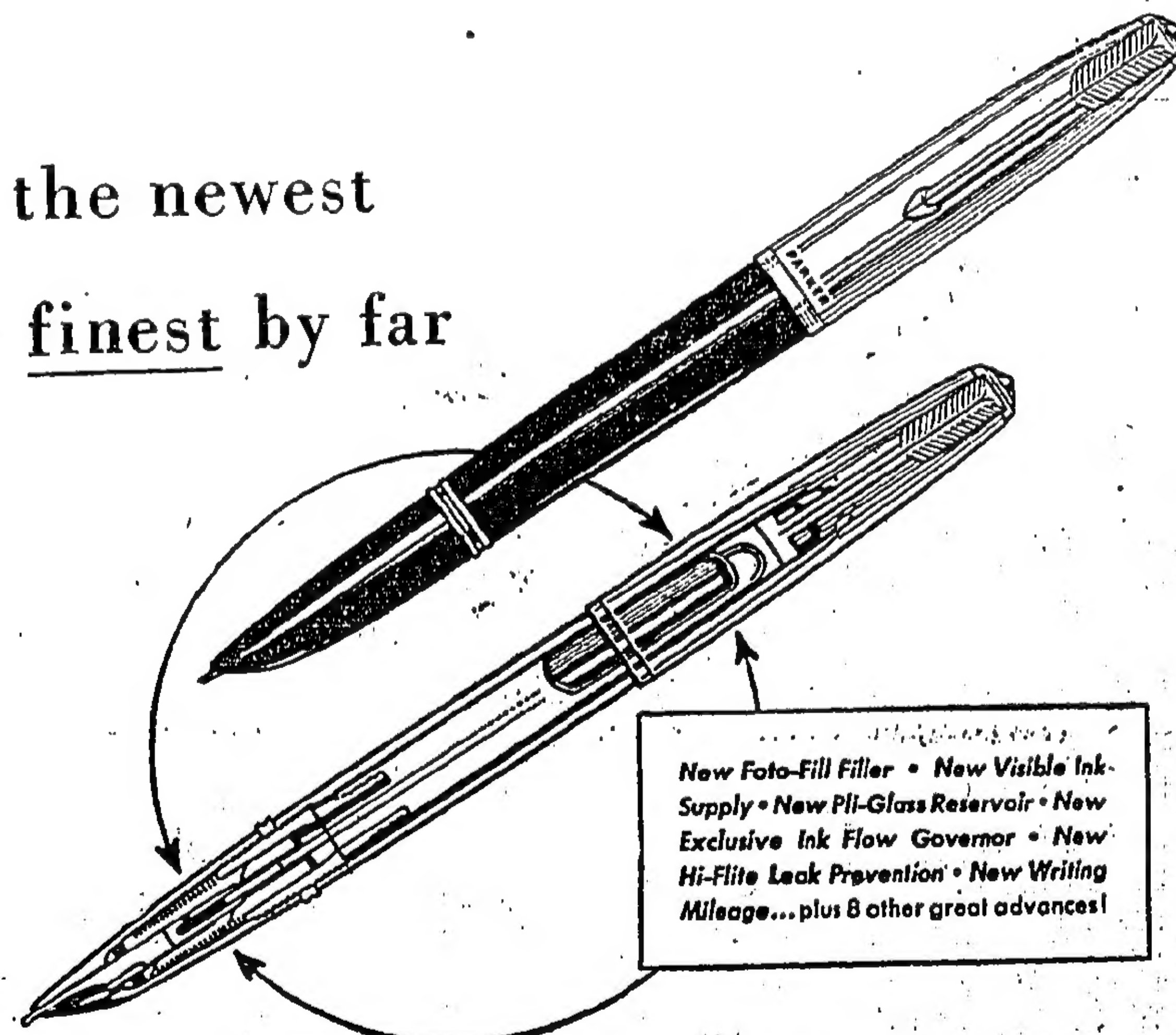
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800 Points Dropped On A One Spade Bid

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THE other day Lang and I were lunching together, and he asked me if I had run across any interesting hands lately. Out came the pencil, and forgetting all about the special pad, here is the hand we put on the table.

West felt quite justified in making a simple overcall of one spade over South's one diamond bid, especially in view of the fact that South had passed originally.

AK 102	QJ 103	KQ7	AQ7
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Unfortunately, he ran across a pretty good hand in the North. It took a little nerve on the part of South to pass the double, but he made the correct call. He had passed originally, and he had made a bid of one diamond over his partner's club bid. But North said, "Sorry, partner, I do not think we have a game, but I can beat this one spade bid."

North opened the king of diamonds, cashed the queen and led the third diamond which South won with the ace. South then made the correct shift to a spade and West made the mistake of playing the nine. North won with the ten and cashed the ace and king of trumps.

North now had a very good reading of the South hand. He knew that South originally held three four-card suits. Diamonds had gone three rounds, South had bid a diamond with only a four-card diamond suit. Why would he have bid diamonds if he had held a five-card suit?

North knew now that he could hope to make only one club trick, so he cashed the ace of clubs, then led back a trump. There was nothing West could do to keep from losing two heart tricks, as he could not get into dummy to take the heart finesse.

Thus West lost 800 points on a one bid.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Give two other names for the constellation Ursa Major.
2. What was the Hudson Bay Company?
3. Which ocean is the great trade route of the world?
4. What does UNESCO stand for? When was it inaugurated?
5. What was the former name of Istanbul?
6. Where do Asia, Europe and North America come closest together?

(Answers in Column 5)

CROSSWORD

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2. May be the result of good breeding.
3. But it is not white all through.
4. What may be in time to come, nobody knows.
5. Take away by violence.
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DUMB BELLS

WHY ARE YOU STANDING HERE STONED AT THAT OTHER BOY?



BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Just Who Is Jack Frost?

—Punch Tells the Shadows About Him—

By MAX TRELL

"I WONDER," Knarf was saying to Handi, "whether there really is such a person as Jack Frost. I mean, is there anyone who goes around making everybody cold?"

Handi was just about to reply that she was sure Jack Frost was just somebody imaginary like dragons and unicorns and horses with wings, when Mr. Punch said in a loud voice: "What's this about Jack Frost? Did I hear somebody say he didn't think there was such a person?"

"In there," asked Knarf, "if there isn't, then I've been wrong for many years. Mind you, I'm not saying that I ever saw Jack Frost, but that doesn't mean that there isn't any such person. There are lots of things that we know about but that we can't ever see. The Wind, for instance. Has anyone ever seen the Wind?"

Both Knarf and Handi agreed that no one had ever seen the Wind.

Like The Wind

"But there's a Wind just the same. Now Jack Frost is like the Wind. He's around. We're absolutely positive he's around. But he takes great care that no one should ever see him."

"Why does he do that?" Handi wanted to know.

Mr. Punch looked surprised. "Can't you guess?"

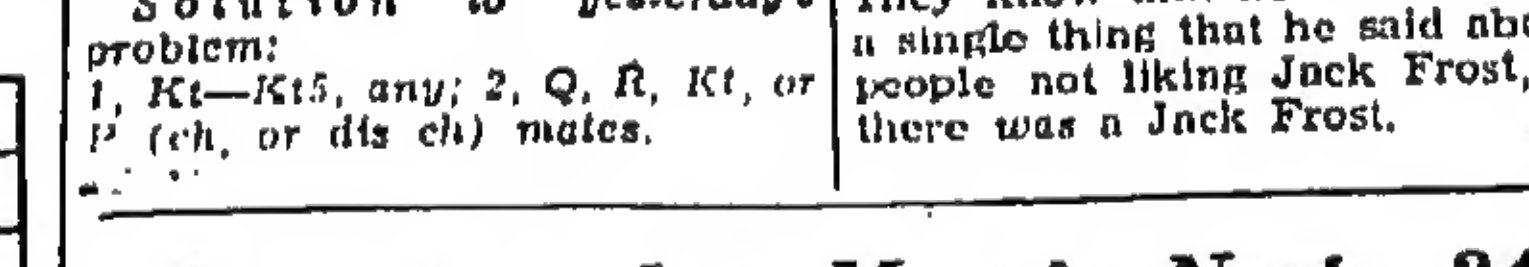
Handi shook her head. "Because, my dear," replied Mr. Punch, "if anyone ever saw Jack Frost, and if he were ever caught, he would be the end of Jack Frost. Oh no, he's too foolish as to let himself be seen."

Knarf asked why it would be the end of Jack Frost if he were ever caught.

Chess Problem

By G. HUME

Black, 7 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-K5, any; 2. Q, R, Kt, or P (ch, or dis ch) mates.

Rupert and a Mare's Nest—34



With growing excitement Rupert listens to the unfolding of his plans. The carrier bird who brought you brought also good account of the birds of Newwood," says the king.

"They are doing their work so well that I have decided that they shall receive a royal scroll to show my pleasure. Here it is, sealed and guarded, but the carrier bird shall not carry it back. No, you, little bear, shall take it for me, and my own charger shall fly by you and shall tell you the rest of my plans."

"How perfectly topping!" cries Rupert. "Can we start now?"

UNUSUAL ANGLES

CHURCH MUSIC COMES TO TIN PAN ALLEY

By CLAIRE COX

NEW York, Dec. 22.—Two Tin Pan Alley song writers have turned their attention from syn-

copical to the Scriptures so they can help to fill an unprecedented demand for new religious music.

Howard Fenton, 28, and Gene Bone, 32, are trying to fill the needs of atomic age worshippers

with songs set to the Psalms and lyrics of their own, appealing for world peace and brotherhood. They started writing religious music more than a year ago, when word reached their ears that Bible sales were hitting an all-time high and church attendance was increasing.

Done, son of a Presbyterian minister, consulted his father, who told him he would be doing a real service for mankind if he turned his efforts to church music instead of love ballads.

Not Easy Living

It isn't easy for composers to make a living on religious music, but Bone and Fenton decided to live on their royalties from a couple of hits for a while and see what they could do about improving church music.

"There are plenty of hymns, and good ones, too," Fenton said, "but there hasn't been any good choir or solo stuff written for a long time. We used mostly Bible passages for our lyrics because we feel the lyrics are the most important part of a song, and who can improve on the Bible?"

And so, in their apartment in the heart of Manhattan's Tin Pan Alley, the boys set to work. They have written music to the first and 119th Psalms, and their own peace hymn, "Prayer of a Waiting World," which they call a modern spiritual.

Not Junk, Anyway

They played and sang their songs while the composer next door was rapping out boogie woogie on his thump piano and the musical neighbour upstairs chanted a corny ballad off key.

"That's a lot of junk," said Bone, who is a short months ago was part of the Tin Pan Alley chorus. "At least what we are doing is not junk. We are trying to help fill the barrier between classical stuff like Handel and Bach and what solists can handle. We are trying to write music that the average church solist can sing, and most of them are housewives, not opera sopranos."

"Of course, we'll have to go back to moon and June stuff pretty soon. Song writers have to eat, you know," United Press.

Worst Thing

Mr. Punch frowned and said to Handi: "But the very worst thing he does is this. He finds a little pond somewhere. In a lovely little pond, as pretty as a picture. The sunbeams dance on the water. The dragon-flies bloom on it. The fish swim in it. And then what happens? Jack Frost touches this pond with the tip of his little finger and—

whoosh!—the whole pond is covered with ice, ice, ice, my dears; hard, cold ice. The dragon-flies don't dart over this pond any more. The sunbeams don't dance on the water. The water-lilies disappear at once. And you can't see a single one of the fish. The only thing this pond is good for when Jack Frost gets through freezing it, is—"

"Ice skating!" Handi and Knarf shouted joyously.

Mr. Punch shook his head sadly. "And that's why no one likes Jack Frost, and why it's dangerous for him to let himself be seen."

But when Knarf and Handi looked at Mr. Punch they saw that he was really smiling. They knew that he didn't mean a single thing that he said about people not liking Jack Frost, if there was a Jack Frost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If "going home" for Christmas, then this is a propitious day for beginning your journey.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Reunions and unexpected pleasures await you. Good news, long expected, also may come to you now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A social day and one which may bring unexpected but delightful surprises. Christmas Eve to remember!

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Romance is definitely in store for you. A wish long-hoped for may be fulfilled at this time.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A surprise in romance, perhaps connected with an unexpected journey. Take full advantage of it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—New opportunities, perhaps a fresh sphere of activity is opened up to you with exciting possibilities.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—News will bring changes into your life. They are likely to be highly beneficial, however. Be ready.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A romance may blossom during Christmas week for you, the fine day for a journey. All lines are favoured.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Original ideas have real merit now. Develop them to their utmost for excellent results. Your plans are developing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Unexpected and rather wonderful events can result from your efforts now. A fine Christmas Eve!

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A CRITIC, writing of a recent performance of a ballet, noticed that one of the dancers "was silently mouthing the words which he was at the same time expressing in mime."

Laudable attempts to account to oneself for the ludicrous attitudes one is forced to adopt lead to grotesque grimaces. Personally, I like the idea of a ballet-dancer talking to himself while leaping, twiddling and grating, so long as there is no talking aloud. I have not forgotten the chaos which was caused when Nockova shouted, "With my one-two-three, one-two-three one-two-three-dammit!"

A misunderstanding

SEEING the fuss made of the 1949-50 Ashura for his autograph for the oldest son, Said Ashura, "We are of having no autograph, we come up by railway train." "No, no," said the father, "I mean your name."

"Ashura my name," was the reply. "I know," said the father, "but I want you to write it down on this bit of paper for me." "Write down of what?" asked Ashura. "Your signature," said the father. "Have not no signature," said Ashura. "What is signature, please?" "Look," said the father, "I mean this." And he wrote his name on a slip of paper. "You have my name," said Ashura delightedly. "Many thanks," And he went off with the father's autograph.

Unimportant jest

THE discovery of a Roman pottery kiln, with a midden close-by, on Lincoln race course, has led to the surmise that there are other Roman remains on the course. "A little more than kiln and less than kiln," commented an official of the Jockey Club.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

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Another UK Export Record

London, Dec. 22.—Britain exported more cars and commercial vehicles in November than in any other month in the history of the industry.

The total was more than the country produced in a month before the war, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders announced here today.

The Society said that almost 28,000 cars and over 9,000 trucks and buses left Britain last month, as well as over £500,000 worth of agricultural tractors, industrial trucks, trailers and parts and accessories.

Reuter.

Drop In ECA Allocations During 1949

Reflects Basic Principle Of Plan

Washington, Dec. 22.—For the second successive year Marshall Plan aid required almost as much in food and agricultural goods as they did in industrial goods, it was announced today.

The Economic Co-operation Administration said that at the close of business on December 22 it had approved \$3,807,340,000 for European Recovery purchases so far this year. Of this amount \$1,010,072,000 was allocated for industrial items and for food and agricultural goods \$1,767,233,000.

Ocean freight charges paid by the ECA accounted for \$278,062,000, while an additional \$10,082,000 was set aside for technical services, such as bringing foreign production teams here to learn American production methods.

There was a drop in ECA dollars allocated in 1949 as compared with 1948—this drop reflects the basic principle of the Marshall Plan—that European countries should require a decreasing amount of ECA dollars as their economic recovery progresses.

The ECA's year end review showed that Britain, France, tri-zaal Germany and Italy, in that order, received the major allocations during 1949.—United Press.

NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Closing rates Dec. 22

Canada (dollar) US\$0.84-1/4
England—official 2.50-3/16
unofficial 2.50 bid/2.50 asked
30-day futures 2.50
Australia (pound) 2.24-1/4
New Zealand (pound) 2.19-1/4
South Africa (pound) 2.50-1/4
Belgium (franc) 402-1/4
Denmark (krone) 1.48
France—official 402-1/4
Holland (guilder) 206-3/4
Italy—official 601-1/2
export 601-1/2
Norway (krone) 1.61
Portugal (escudo) 635-1/2
Spain (peseta) 691-1/2
Sweden (krone) 1.027
Switzerland—free 2.332

MIDDLE EAST

Egypt (pound) 2.57
Iraq (dinar) 2.90-1/4
Turkey (lira)0975

LATIN AMERICA

Argentina—official 112-1/2
Brazil (cruzeiro) 1.12-1/2
Bolivia (boliviano)0025
Chile—official 522-1/2
unofficial 522-1/2
Colombia (peso) 41-1/4
Cuba (peso) 1.00
Mexico (peso) 115-1/2
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Venezuela (bolivar)0010

Far East

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—United Press.

Peking Radio On China Trade

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The inter-flow of goods between North and South China had revived following the Communist occupation of Fukien, Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces, Peking Radio reported tonight.

The Radio said that goods could now be sent directly from Chengchow, junction of the Peking-Hankow and Lanchow-Shanghai railways, to Peking, Tientsin, Shanhaiwan, Paochow and Tientsin.

It further stated that four big private textile mills in Hankow and Wuchang were daily producing 280 bales of cotton yarn—a 75 per cent increase over the production rate of five months ago.—Reuter.

Japanese Trade Arrangements

"Unfair To P.I."

Manila, Dec. 22.—An official of the Philippine Mission in Tokyo charged today that present arrangements governing Philippine-Japanese trade worked to the benefit of the Japanese, but were unfair to the Philippines.

Mr. Romulo Leuterio, technical assistant to the Minister to Tokyo, Dr. Bernabe Africa, also charged that the Philippine Mission was not being given an opportunity to render the services it could give the Republic in trade.

"The mission is not consulted on trade matters and even one Philippine Government corporation ignored it in ordering cement from Japan," Mr. Leuterio said.

According to Mr. Leuterio, when the Republic buys anything from Japan she pays in dollars but when Philippine firms sell to the Japanese they are not paid in dollars but in merchandise, mostly in the form of manufactured goods. He claimed these goods were mostly "non-essentials."

